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there was no recruitment of children, women, or older men for factory work [ ]

Technical workers were still being registered. There were no new restrictions on travel, no rationing, and no censorship of internal mail. Although all projects in the Railroad Construction Bureau [ ] were supposed to be approved by a representative of the local anti-aircraft defense (T.O.P.L.), only in one instance, where an overnight lodging house for train personnel was concerned, were the specifications altered to meet requirements for "adequate" air-raid protection. [ ] the general trend of political liberalization had been halted, particularly in the press.

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1. [REDACTED] there was no recruitment of children, women, or older men for factory work. [REDACTED] the N.O.T. was still registering technical persons.

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[REDACTED] no rationing was in effect at the time [REDACTED] More radios, of Polish, Czech, and East German manufacture, were available on the Warsaw market, and the clothing situation also seemed to be improving. Furniture prices were up as much as 50 percent, and the price of newspapers and periodicals had also risen considerably. [REDACTED] as examples, the weekly Stolica, which previously cost 1.05 zlotys but now was 2.50 zlotys, and the Przeglad Kulturalny which had risen in cost from 1.80 to 2.70 zlotys.

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Concerning wage changes, [REDACTED] office workers (urzednicy) in the Ministry of Railroads had recently received about a 20-25 percent increase in wages. [REDACTED] some factory, as a result of decentralized management and administrative cost cuts, had improved its production and increased the wages of its workers accordingly.

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4. [REDACTED] funds for the construction of office buildings in general had been withheld or reduced so that priority could be given to much-needed housing construction. [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] internal mail was not being censored unless the correspondents were suspect to the authorities. Outgoing foreign mail was no longer brought to the Post Office unsealed as previously. [REDACTED]

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6. In the Railroad Construction Bureau [REDACTED] all projects were supposed to be approved by a representative of T.O.P.L. (Local Anti-Aircraft Defense) who determined whether they were in accordance with anti-aircraft defense requirements. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] design thicker walls and ceilings and special steel doors for the cellar in order to meet requirements for "adequate" air-raid protection.

[REDACTED] evacuation plans; civilian defense training; or guerrilla warfare tactics. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] annual inoculations were being given against typhus; they were presumably obligatory for everyone, but because there were no strict controls many people were able to evade them.

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